

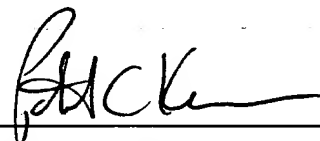
**REMARKS**

The above changes to the claims have been made to round out the scope of patent protection being sought and generally to place the claims in better condition for examination on the merits. Early allowance of claims 1-20 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Marked-up Claims 1-12**

1. (Amended) A method for integration of a field device [(1)] in an installation control system, [in which case] wherein the installation control system has a communications network [(3, 4, 5)] and a control station[(2), characterized in that], the method comprising:
  - a) transmitting, by the field device[(1) transmits], a functional description [(13)] of its device functions [(11)] to the control station [(2)] in a standardized form[.];
  - b) installing functions [(23, 23')] associated with the field device [(1)] are installed] on the control station[(2),.]; and
  - c) configuring communications links [are configured] between the device functions [(11)] and [the] functions of the control station[(23, 23')].
2. (Amended) The method [as claimed in] of claim 1, [characterized in that,] wherein before integration of [a] the field device[(1)], the control station [(2)] contains information about a structure of the installation[(24)].
3. (Amended) The method [as claimed in] of claim 2, [characterized in that,] wherein before integration of [a] the field device[(1)], the control station [(2)] contains [-]information about an identity of the field device [(1)] and/or about an identity of primary units [(6)] which are associated with the field device[(1)].

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4. (Amended) The method [as claimed in] of claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein at least one function of the control station [(23, 23')] is installed automatically on the basis of the nature of this function[(23, 23')].

5. (Amended) The method [as claimed in] of claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the functional descriptions [(13)] of the field device [(1)] use a description language in accordance with IEC Standard 61850-6 or its draft.

6. (Amended) The method [as claimed in] of claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein generic functions of the control station [(2) which can be] are associated with [a] the field device [(1)] are stored in the control station [(2)] before [the] a physical installation of the field device[(1)].

7. (Amended) The method [as claimed in] of claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein functions of the control station [(2) which can be] that are associated with [a] the field device [(1)] are transmitted by the field device [(1)] to the control station [(2)] during [the] a physical installation of the field device[(1)].

8. (Amended) The method [as claimed in] of claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein generic functions of the control station [(2) which can be] that are associated with [a]

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the field device [(1)] are transmitted to the control station [(2)] during physical installation of the field device [(1)] using an address, in particular a URL (Uniform Resource Locator).

9. (Amended) The method [as claimed in] of claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the installation control system controls a high-voltage or medium-voltage switchgear assembly.

10. (Amended) An installation control system which has a control station [(2)] and a communications network [(3, 4, 5)] for communication with a field device[(1), characterized in that], wherein the installation control system [has] comprises:

- a) means for receiving a standardized functional description [(13)] of at least one device function [(11)] of the field device[(1),];
- b) means for installation of functions of the control station [(23, 23')] which are associated with the at least one device function [(11)] of the field device[(1),];  
and
- c) means for configuration of communications links between the at least one device function [(11)] of the field device [(1)] and the functions of the control station[(23, 23')].

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11. (Amended) The installation control system [as claimed in] of claim 10, [characterized in that] wherein the device functions [(11)] of the field device [(1)] are described in a description language in accordance with IEC Standard 61850-6 or its draft.

12. (Amended) A field device [(1)] for integration in an installation control system, [characterized in that] the field device [(1) has] comprises:

a functional description [(13)] of at least one device function [(11)] of the field device[(1),]; and an interface for transmitting the functional description [(13)] of the at least one device function [(11)] of the field device [(1) can be] via the installation control system.